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rary restraining order, \(^{19}\) (6) accept assurances of discontinuance or stipulation, \(^{20}\) (7) impose penalties or sanctions, \(^{21}\) and (8) adopt regulations that may be necessary to administer the provisions of the Trade Regulation and Practices Act. \(^{22}\) Finally, Chapter 365 permits the Director of the Department of Commerce to delegate these powers and duties to any person under the Director's immediate supervision and instruction. \(^{23}\)

22. NEV. REV. STAT. §598.520; (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §7(1), at 883); see NEV. REV. STAT. §§598.360-.640 (Trade Regulation and Practices Act).

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NEV. REV. STAT. §449.243 (amended).
AB 392 (Sedway); 1983 STAT. Ch 267

Existing law permits any licensed\(^1\) hospital\(^2\) to use the Uniform Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association.\(^3\) With the enactment of Chapter 267, however, the unlimited use of these forms by a hospital is restricted.\(^4\) Hospitals now must provide patients with a billing that itemizes charges for services, equipment, supplies and medicines.\(^5\) These individual charges must be specifically described and listed in language that is understandable to an ordinary lay person.\(^6\) Furthermore, these billings must be provided to the patient at no additional cost.\(^7\)

1. NEV. REV. STAT. §449.030 (license required).
2. *Id.* §449.012 (definition of hospital).
3. *Id.* §449.243.
6. *Id.* c. 267, §1(2), at 649.
7. *Id.*